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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE OCTOBER 4, 1991 FILE NO. 091-44527-1367-051

C- ATTEMPT MURDER - 664/187 P.C. Action Taken ACTIVE/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

L- #1 - [redacted] MOTZ STREET, PARAMOUNT 90723
#2 - [redacted] MARCELLE AVENUE, PARAMOUNT 90723

V- [redacted] MH/39, et.al.

D- 10-03-91 / 0808 HOURS / THURSDAY

S- SOLARZANO, ERNIE LOPEZ MH/35 DOB:10-05-55 (DECEASED)
AKA: LOPEZ, ERNIE SOLARZANO

On 10-03-91, at 0830 hours, Investigators were dispatched to [redacted] Marcelle Avenue, Paramount, to investigate a Deputy involved shooting which resulted in the death of Suspect Solarzano.

Upon their arrival Investigators contacted Deputies Cunningham and Winn, Lakewood Station Patrol Unit 136B (Days). Deputy Cunningham advised Investigators that they responded to [redacted] Motz Street on a "battery just occurred" call. As they were en route to the location, the call was upgraded to "assault with a deadly weapon, person with a knife, ambulance responding."

Deputy Clark, Unit 138B, arrived at the Motz Street location first. He was advised by witnesses that there was a male Hispanic, armed with a shotgun, at the rear of the house on Motz Street. Deputy Cunningham directed responding units to contain the area to prevent the suspect's escape and injury to innocent bystanders.

A short time later they were advised by one of the units in the area that the suspect was in the vicinity of [redacted] Marcelle Avenue, and was in fact armed with a shotgun.

Deputies Cunningham and Winn responded to the Marcelle address. As they approached, they heard gunfire coming from the east of them. They stopped their patrol car and proceeded on foot to [redacted] Marcelle to assist deputies already at the location. They heard deputies shouting that the suspect was down on the ground.

Deputy Cunningham stated that he approached the suspect and saw that he was still moving. There was a shotgun under the suspect's body with the barrel pointing to the southeast. The suspect was lying on the porch on the east side of the house near the

northeast corner. The suspect was lying face down with his head pointing to the north and his feet to the south. He was bleeding from apparent gunshot wounds to the upper torso.

Deputy Cunningham stated that he removed the shotgun as a precaution, and then handcuffed the suspect. Paramedics were summoned from inside the location to tend to the suspect. The suspect was treated at the scene and transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital via ambulance, where he was pronounced dead by Dr. K. Thomas, at 1025 hours. The shotgun was placed in the trunk of Deputy Cunningham's radio car for safe keeping.

A written report detailing the actions of Deputies Cunningham and Winn will be prepared by them and made a permanent part of this file.

The following interviews were conducted at Lakewood Sheriff's Station, in the detective interview room, with each interview tape recorded.

At 1250 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] FH/35, DOB: [redacted]. She stated that she was sitting in her house, which is located [redacted] of [redacted], the victim's residence. Mrs. [redacted], the victim's, wife had taken two of the [redacted] children to school, and was to return to pick up witness [redacted]. Some time between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., she heard a commotion from the area of the two house to the [redacted] of her house. She looked out the back door and saw Victim [redacted] lying on the ground in front of his house. Victim [redacted] yelled, "He stabbed me, somebody help me. [redacted] help me." She saw an unknown male, armed with a shotgun, pull Victim [redacted] into the house. Witness [redacted] described the man as an Hispanic, in his late twenties to early thirties, about 5'6" tall and with a medium build. He appeared to be wearing a dark pair of Levis, and had no shirt. She thought that he might have been bleeding from one of his arms.

Witness [redacted] walked into the back yard toward Victim [redacted] house. Victim [redacted] stumbled out of the house and ran to [redacted] house next door ([redacted]). The suspect came out of Victim [redacted] house, trying to move the action of the shotgun, as if to load it. He bumped into Witness [redacted] who was blocking his way, and she knocked him to the ground. He regained his feet and followed Victim [redacted] into the house next door. She described the suspect as acting crazy and continually cocking the shotgun. He used the butt of the shotgun to break open the door of the house to gain entry. Witness [redacted] returned to her house and called "911" for the second time, to report the whereabouts of the suspect. She stated that she had called 911 prior to walking to the back, when she first heard the commotion in the rear. While

calling the second time she heard a blast from a shotgun in the area of the rear houses.

Witness [redacted] walked back out into the driveway and looked to the south, along the west side of [redacted] house and saw [redacted] helping Victim [redacted] over the fence at the rear of the house. She saw [redacted] a few moments later on the roof of the house. Witness [redacted] looked back toward Motz Street and saw [redacted], [redacted] wife returning home. She ran to the street to keep [redacted] from entering the driveway. Witness [redacted] had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1308 hours.

At 1314 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MW/26, DOB: [redacted]. He stated that on 10-03-91, in the morning, he was asleep in his bedroom, in the southwest corner of the house, when he was awakened by an unknown male Hispanic, later identified as Suspect Solarzano, standing over him in the bedroom. Suspect Solarzano woke up Witness [redacted] and asked, "Who are you? Where is [redacted]?" Witness [redacted] stated, Who's [redacted]? "Who are you?" Suspect Solarzano turned and walked out of the house. He described the man as a male Hispanic, 5'10" to 6'0", with multiple tattoos and no shirt.

[redacted] got out of bed and went to the living room at the front of the house. He heard Victim [redacted] saying, "You can't come in my house." He then heard Victim [redacted] telling him, Witness [redacted], to load his gun. Victim [redacted] was telling the man to leave his house. He then apparently called the police because [redacted] heard Victim [redacted] telling someone that the man was in his house right now. He could also hear Victim [redacted] screaming in the house. [redacted] saw Suspect Solarzano start to walk away from Victim [redacted] house, but then he stopped and turned back to the house and said, "You say pussy? Are you saying I'm a pussy?" Suspect Solarzano attacked Victim [redacted]. There was no weapon visible at this time. Victim [redacted] was screaming, "[redacted], help me, help me." The two men then disappeared into Victim [redacted] house. [redacted] called "911", and they told him to stay on the line. He heard Victim [redacted] say, "He has a knife, help me, help me. Victim [redacted] then ran back out into the front yard, and fell to the ground on his back.

As he looked out the living room window [redacted] saw Suspect Solarzano stab Victim [redacted] several times. Victim [redacted] two daughters, who were in the house with him, ran to [redacted] house and he let them in through the front door. [redacted] took his single shot, .410 shotgun and fired one round into the air just outside the front door. He hoped to distract Suspect Solarzano or scare him away. Suspect Solarzano walked toward the street and actually crossed the street toward some people standing there.

A short time after the stabbing, Victim [redacted] entered [redacted] house, and fell to the floor bleeding. Suspect Solarzano returned carrying what appeared to be a pump shotgun. He began to bang on the front door with the gun trying to enter the house. Victim [redacted] took the girls and exited through the southeast bedroom window, at the rear of the house. The girls climbed over the fence and into the rear yard of [redacted]. Witness [redacted] exited the house through the window in his bedroom. He climbed onto the roof to hide from Suspect Solarzano. He saw Victim [redacted] climb over the back fence into the rear yard of [redacted].

From the roof he saw Victim [redacted] wife returning home and waved to her to keep her from approaching the house. He then jumped down from the roof and went to the east side of the house. He heard what sounded like glass being broken. A short time later he heard someone yelling, "Drop the gun. Drop the gun." He then heard several shots. The sound of breaking glass and the shots all came from the vicinity of the house to the south of his residence.

Witness [redacted] had nothing further to add at this time and the interview was terminated at 1325 hours.

At 1330 hours Investigators interviewed [redacted] FH/36, DOB:[redacted]. Witness [redacted] lives in the house at the rear of the property. Her parents live in the house at the front of the property, [redacted] Marcelle Street. Her house sits to the [redacted] of the residences at [redacted] and [redacted] Motz Street, just on the [redacted].

She stated that she was in her house between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., when she heard something. She looked out the front of the house and saw her mother in the front yard. She asked her mother if she heard the sound. Her mother told her that it sounded like a shot. She went out front with her mother and heard screaming. They were not sure where the shot had come from, but the screaming appeared to be coming from the back, toward Motz Street.

She returned to her house and went into the kitchen, which is at the northwest corner of the house. She saw two little girls running toward her house. She asked the girls, "Where are you going?" One of the girls said, "Please let us use your phone, somebody tried to kill my father." She took the girls into her son's bedroom and tried to call "911" but apparently was too nervous to dial correctly. She took the girls from the bedroom to take them to her mother's house. As she left the bedroom, she saw Victim [redacted] in the yard outside the kitchen. One of the girls said, "He's my father, he's my father." She told Victim [redacted] to stay there and she would call the police. She took the girls to



her mother's house and told her nephew to call the police, which he did.

Victim [redacted] approached the kitchen door of her mother's house and asked for help. They let him into the kitchen and gave him aid. A neighbor, who is a nurse, also came into the house to help. Witness [redacted] heard a noise from the rear yard and then heard someone yell, "He's coming. Close the door, because he will kill everybody." The paramedics arrived and Witness [redacted] went out the front door of the house to lead them in. She turned toward her house and saw a man coming out of her house with a long gun in his hands. She and the paramedics ran into the house to take cover. There were approximately 10 people in her parent's house at this time. Someone was telling everyone to get on the floor. She was yelling at her nephew to get down. Her neighbor was yelling for the phone. She heard a lot of gunshots from outside the house. A short time later the police told them it was alright to leave the house now, and that everything was over. She saw a man lying on the ground outside of the kitchen door. She could not be sure if this was the same person who had been in her house.

Witness [redacted] stated that she had not given anyone permission to be in her house, and that neither the window nor door in her kitchen had been broken prior to the incident. She had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1346 hours.

At 1352 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MH/59, DOB: [redacted], [redacted]. Witness [redacted] is the father of Witness [redacted]. He stated that around 8:00 a.m. he heard a gunshot. He went out the kitchen door on the east side of the house and heard a commotion coming from the area behind his daughter's house. He saw Witness [redacted] on the roof of the house north of his daughter's house. He saw Witness [redacted] jump off the roof into the east yard area. Witness [redacted] walked back into the kitchen with his daughter, and a short time later Victim [redacted] arrived with his daughters, and they let them into the kitchen. The paramedics arrived a short time later. Witness [redacted] heard someone at the kitchen door. He described the person as acting crazy and screaming. The paramedics told everyone to lie down on the floor. Sometime later he heard shots from outside the house. He never actually saw the man who was outside of the house. Witness [redacted] had nothing to add and the interview was terminated at 1402 hours.

At 1407 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MH/18, DOB: [redacted]. He stated that he was returning home from work around 8:00 a.m. As he was walking toward his back door, he heard his neighbor, [redacted] calling him. She told him that she heard screaming and a shot. He heard screaming and moaning from the area of the houses



on Motz Street. He went around to Motz Street to see what was happening. He saw a man, carrying a shotgun, exiting one house and entering another. He described the man, later identified as Suspect Solarzano, as a male Hispanic, dark complected, and 5'6" to 5'7" tall. He was not wearing a shirt and had some tattoos. Suspect Solarzano started kicking the door and hitting it with the shotgun until he broke it open, and then entered the house. Witness [redacted] started to walk away when he saw [redacted] (Witness [redacted] on the roof of the house.

Witness [redacted] heard someone say that Suspect Solarzano had jumped over the gate. He was worried because his sister was home alone, so he returned to his house on [redacted]. When he returned to [redacted], he saw that the paramedics were at [redacted] house ([redacted] Marcelle). Witness [redacted] stated that he was in the driveway of [redacted] house when he saw Suspect Solarzano in front of the [redacted] house (Witness [redacted]). He told everyone, "Go inside, go inside the house. He's out there with a gun." He stated that Suspect Solarzano still had the shotgun and was waiving it around and acting crazy.

Witness [redacted] walked across the street to a friend's house and continued to watch from the window. He then decided to return to his own house. As he started across the street a lot of 'cops' arrived and he couldn't make it to his house. At this time he was directly across the street from [redacted] house, looking directly down the driveway toward [redacted] house. He saw Suspect Solarzano getting closer to the kitchen door of [redacted] house. He heard deputies tell the suspect, "Put the gun down." They told him two or three times. At first, Suspect Solarzano reacted by running back (north) in the driveway, behind a white car parked there. He then ran back toward the kitchen door. The deputies continued to tell the suspect to put the gun down. The suspect then pointed the shotgun at the deputies and Witness [redacted] heard one of them say, "Shoot him." The deputies then began to fire at the suspect. The suspect fell to the ground and dropped the gun. The deputies slowly approached the suspect and handcuffed him.

Witness [redacted] stated that he felt that the suspect was going to either shoot at the deputies or attempt to get into the house when the deputies fired at him. He added that he had seen Victim [redacted] earlier, while on Motz Street. Victim [redacted] went from one house to the other, while Witness [redacted] was watching. Victim [redacted] clothes were bloody when he saw him.

Witness [redacted] had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1425 hours.

At 1428 Hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MW/20, DOB: [redacted]. He stated that he was going westbound on Motz Street, on

his skateboard, when he saw [redacted], Victim [redacted], fighting with another male, later identified as Suspect Solarzano. They were in the front yard of [redacted] house. Witness [redacted] was standing in the street looking directly down the driveway, and had a good view of both residences at the rear of the property. The suspect had a knife and was slashing at [redacted]. [redacted] on his back and kicking at the suspect. It appeared that the suspect cut himself, but it did not phase him. [redacted], who appeared to be bleeding, got up and tried to go into his house but for some reason could not get in. He then ran to the next door neighbor's house. The neighbor let [redacted] in, then slammed the door in the suspect's face. The suspect kicked the door twice, and then he walked back to [redacted] house, went in, and came back out with a shotgun. The suspect walked back to the neighbor's house and kicked the door two times and then started hitting the door with the butt of the shotgun until the door finally opened. Witness [redacted] saw kids coming out of the side of the house and then heard the chain link fence, in the rear yard, rattle. He heard someone say, "Go, [redacted]."

Witness [redacted] described the suspect as a pretty big guy, with dark medium length hair, and a lot of tattoos. He thought that the suspect was wearing a white tank top shirt at first, but that it might have gotten torn off. He remembered the suspect laughing and acting strange. He heard the suspect say, "Come on [redacted], I'm going to kill you." The suspect was pumping the action of the shotgun as if to load it, but it appeared that there were no shells in the gun at this time. Witness [redacted] stated that there is a guy that goes to [redacted] house who is known as [redacted].

Witness [redacted] went around the block to Marcelle Street and as he proceeded eastbound, he observed paramedic and police units in front of a house down the block. He stated that he heard several shots from a shotgun, coming from the area of the houses on Motz Street. He thought that one might have been [redacted], Witness [redacted], trying to scare off the suspect. As he got about half the way down the block, he could hear deputies telling the someone, "Drop the gun. I told you to drop the gun." He stated that the deputies repeated the command several times. He heard the suspect yell, "I'll kill all of you." The deputies then fired several shots. Witness [redacted] took shelter behind a car until he heard one deputy yell, "He's down, he's down."

The suspect and Victim [redacted] were taken away from the area by ambulance. Witness [redacted] stated that he has seen the suspect in the neighborhood before, and that he might be a member of the "Lynwood Dukes" street gang. He stated that the family of Victim [redacted] is affiliated with the "East Side Paramounts" street gang.

Witness [redacted] had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1445 hours.



At 1455 hours, Investigators interviewed, [redacted] MH/25, DOB: [redacted]. He stated that he was at home in his second floor apartment, when he became aware of the radio cars and ambulances responding to both Motz street and Marcelle Avenue. He walked westbound on Marcelle Street to see what was happening. He had passed about [redacted] houses when he heard a single gunshot. He continued toward the ambulance and radio cars which had stopped on Marcelle Street. He moved over to the south side of Marcelle, and continued walking to the west. As he approached the cite of the activity, he saw an ambulance parked on the north side of Marcelle Street, just east of [redacted] Marcelle. Witness [redacted] positioned himself behind a motorhome parked on the south side of Marcelle Street across from [redacted] Marcelle. He saw a radio car drive to the location from the east and park behind the ambulance. He could see the suspect bobbing up and down in the driveway of [redacted] Marcelle. The suspect was near the back door on the east side of the house, and held a shotgun in his hands. The suspect was waving the shotgun in the air.

A deputy, who was armed with a shotgun and had positioned himself at the left front fender of the ambulance yelled at the suspect, three or four times, to drop the gun. The suspect continued to wave the gun around and then started back toward the door on the side of the house ([redacted] Marcelle). There were three or four deputies at the scene; one or two to the left of the deputy who was at the front of the ambulance, and one by his radio car at the rear of the ambulance. Witness [redacted] heard someone say, "Just shoot him," and the deputies fired at the suspect. The suspect fell on the stairs in front of the door, and then everyone began to flood out of the house.

Witness [redacted] stated that he could not tell very well where the suspect was pointing the gun as he waved it around because the vantage point that he had was on an angle with the suspect's position. Witness [redacted] stated that he does not know the suspect or any of the people who where involved in the incident. He had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1502 hours.

At 1508 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MH/21, DOB: [redacted]. He stated that his [redacted] the house where the stabbing occurred. He said that he was asleep in bed when he heard an argument taking place in the [redacted] yard, [redacted] Motz Street. It was between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. He looked out the window and saw his [redacted] fighting with another man on the grass in front of the house. He described the man as a male, 5'10", dark hair, possible mustache, brown corduroy or denim pants, no shirt, and tennis shoes and stated that he did not know the man.

He and his brothers went out into the yard and continued to watch the fight.

His [redacted] (Victim [redacted]), was on his back, kicking at the man (Suspect Solarzano). The suspect had a knife in his right hand and was stabbing at Victim [redacted]. Witness [redacted] told one of his brothers to call the police. It appeared that [redacted] did get stabbed as there was blood visible on [redacted]. He heard [redacted] saying, "[redacted] stop it," several times, and then, "Call the police." Witness [redacted] was not aware, at this time, that [redacted] next door neighbor was named [redacted].

[redacted] then got up and tried to go into his house. He was bloody and stumbling. He fell down, got up and walked to the house next door. He hit the door twice and went into the house. The suspect walked into [redacted] house and came back out in about 30 seconds with a shotgun. He pumped the shotgun once, walked around in two or three circles, like he didn't know which way to go, and then he walked to the neighbor's door. He hit the door once with the butt of the gun, kicked it twice, and forced it open. The suspect screamed, "[redacted]." Witness [redacted] heard the chain link fence, at the rear of the houses, start to rattle. He could not see who was at the fence from where he stood. The suspect walked into the house with the shotgun. A short time later a "white man" with no shirt and brown pants was on the roof telling everyone to get back. He jumped off the roof and over the side fence toward the [redacted] residence and told Witness [redacted] and his brothers that there was a guy back there. Witness [redacted] then heard the fence rattle one more time and then he heard glass break.

About a minute or so later he heard, "Drop the gun, drop the gun." The command was repeated two more times and then there were shots. He remembered that he had heard a shot earlier, during the stabbing incident on Motz Street. That shot occurred well before the shots from Marcelle Street. He had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1519 hours.

At 1527 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MH/23, DOB: [redacted], who works as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) for Adams Ambulance Service, [redacted]. He is assigned to 24 hour shifts on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. His partner is [redacted], who was driving the ambulance. They arrived at [redacted] Motz Street and were advised by Fireman that the victim was on Marcelle Street. They followed Squad 31, a paramedic unit, around to [redacted] Marcelle Avenue. Several people outside the location waved them down and told them that the victim was inside the house. They took their equipment and went into the house with the paramedics. Witness [redacted] was asked by one of the paramedics to get some equipment from the ambulance. He was retrieving the equipment from the side of the ambulance when he heard screaming. He walked toward the house to

see what the screaming was about. He heard someone saying, "Here he comes, here he comes." He saw a young man with no shirt, a lot of tattoos, and a shotgun, running from the residence in the rear, [redacted], toward the street. The suspect was almost at the back door of [redacted] Marcelle, and was pointing the shotgun at Witness [redacted]. The suspect stopped about 35 or 40 feet from him. He froze for a few seconds and then heard his partner, [redacted], yell, "[redacted], get into the rig." He felt that this distracted the suspect, so Witness [redacted] walked back to the ambulance. As he did he was stopped by responding deputies. He quickly identified himself and pointed out the suspect's location to them. He then jumped into the ambulance and observed what was happening through the two side windows of the ambulance. He heard the deputies order the suspect, several times, to put the gun down. The suspect ran back about ten feet, while pointing the gun toward the street where the deputies were standing, and then ran from side to side in the driveway. The suspect then positioned himself by the rear side door of the house. He pointed the gun at the deputies again. They again ordered him to drop the gun and then fired at the suspect. He heard them fire about 10 shots.

After the shooting ended, Witness [redacted], with his partner, transported Victim [redacted] and an older woman in the house ([redacted]) to Charter Suburban Hospital. Witness [redacted] had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1539 hours.

At 1547 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MH/37, DOB: [redacted], the brother of Victim [redacted]. He stated that he his known as "[redacted]" to some of the people in the area. He said that he lived with his brother, [redacted], at [redacted] Motz Street, for about two months, and had moved out about a month ago. He said that he usually sees his brother every day, visiting him at the house on Motz Street.

He told Investigators that over the past two years he had been involved in selling drugs with a woman named [redacted]. He felt that she might be trying to injure him since she said that he owed her money. Victim [redacted] told [redacted] that he saw [redacted] a few days earlier on [redacted].

Mr. [redacted] was not present when the incident occurred and was not able to identify Suspect Solarzano when shown a photograph of the suspect. The interview was terminated at 1619 hours.

At 1630 hours, Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY NARANJO, RUBEN MH/**[redacted], who is assigned to Lakewood Station as a uniformed patrol deputy. On the morning of 10-03-91 he was assigned to unit 136B (EMs), [redacted] to [redacted] hours, a one man patrol unit in the City of Paramount. His shift had ended and he was returning to the station when he heard a "245 call" on the [redacted] block of Motz

Street. When the units responding gave an extended arrival time he decided to roll to the call as an assisting unit since he was only about four minutes away. Prior to his arrival he heard a radio broadcast from a unit which had already arrived on Motz Street. The broadcast stated that the suspect at the location was a male Hispanic, with no shirt, and armed with a shotgun. There was some confusion in subsequent broadcasts which stated that the victim was also armed, possibly with a shotgun.

The suspect was seen in the backyard of the residence on Motz Street, running toward Marcelle Avenue. Deputy Naranjo responded to Marcelle Avenue and saw the paramedic's red truck parked on the north side of the street, in front of the [redacted] Marcelle Avenue, and an ambulance parked east of the paramedic unit. He parked in the street, east of the ambulance and behind it. He heard screams and saw a number of people run from the house where the paramedic unit was parked. He exited his patrol car and ran toward the house. He heard someone yell, "He's in the garage, he's in the garage, he has a shotgun."

Deputy Naranjo was not sure what the situation was at this time. He did not know why the ambulance and paramedics where on Marcelle, since the call had indicated Motz Street as the problem location. As he ran along side the ambulance, he was approached by one of the ambulance attendants. Deputy Naranjo asked where the suspect was, and he said, "I don't know." He asked if the suspect had a gun but could not hear the attendant's reply because of the screaming. Deputy Naranjo went to the front of the ambulance and looked down the driveway but did not see the suspect. He still was not sure if the man with the gun in the driveway was the suspect or the victim.

He moved from the front of the ambulance along the street toward the front of the house. As he did he saw the suspect by the garage, at the north end of the driveway, armed with a shotgun. The first thing the suspect did was point the gun at Deputy Naranjo, who took cover behind the paramedic unit. The suspect moved behind a car in the driveway. At this time Deputy Naranjo put out an emergency broadcast advising responding units that he had the suspect in view and that the suspect was armed. He felt that the man he was looking at in the driveway, who was shirtless and had a shotgun, matched the description of the suspect based on earlier broadcasts.

The suspect moved from behind the car and began to run in a zigzag pattern across down the driveway. Deputy Naranjo told him several times to drop the gun, both in English and Spanish. The suspect yelled out, "Fuck you." and Deputy Naranjo heard a shotgun rack. Having seen that the shotgun in the suspect's hands was a "pump" shotgun, he felt that the suspect's gun was now loaded and ready to fire. The suspect moved to the northeast corner of the house



and stopped. At this time Deputy Naranjo saw Deputy Guthrie, armed with a shotgun, take a position of cover behind the ambulance by the left front fender. Guthrie also told the suspect to drop the gun several times.

The suspect was by the rear door of the house and Deputy Naranjo was aware that there were several people in the house. He was sure that the suspect was going to use the shotgun and felt that the people in the house were in grave danger. He also felt that responding deputies were also in danger since the suspect would not respond to commands to drop the gun. At this point Deputy Naranjo fires two or three rounds from his service weapon at the suspect. He heard other shots and believed that the suspect was returning fire. When the firing ceased, other deputies, who had arrived, approached the suspect from the east, using a wall for cover, and determined that the suspect was down.

After the incident was over, Deputy Naranjo was transported to Lakewood Station to await Investigators. The interview was terminated at 1656 hours.

At 1704 hours, Investigators interviewed **GUTHRIE, ANDREW JOHN MW/**[redacted], who is assigned to Lakewood Station as a uniformed patrol deputy. On the morning of 10-03-91, he was assigned to unit 136T3 (Days), [redacted] to [redacted] hours, a one man traffic unit in the City of Paramount. Deputy Guthrie stated that he heard 136B receive a call, "245 just occurred, man stabbed," on Motz Street. The responding deputy gave an extended arrival time and other units were requested to assist. He heard Deputy Clark, assigned to the North Long Beach area, advise that he was at the location of the call on Motz Street. Deputy Clark initiated a broadcast indicating that the suspect was in the backyard of the house on Motz Street and was fleeing southbound carrying a shotgun. The suspect was described as acting crazy and was possibly under the influence of "PCP."

Deputy Clark requested that units respond to Marcelle Avenue, one street south of Motz Street. Deputy Guthrie, who was just leaving the station, complied and responded to Marcelle Avenue. As he approached the location on Marcelle Avenue from the east, he was preceded by Deputy Naranjo, who was about 200 yards ahead. Deputy Naranjo had exited his vehicle and was walking toward a paramedic unit which was parked on the north side of the street, facing west. There was an ambulance parked east of the paramedic unit, also facing west. Deputy Guthrie saw Deputy Naranjo break into a run and take cover behind the rear of the paramedic unit. Deputy Guthrie parked in the street about 30 yards east of the ambulance. He exited his vehicle, taking his shotgun with him. He positioned himself at the front of the ambulance behind the left front fender, so that he could see what Deputy Naranjo was seeing.

He saw a fireman run from the front house toward the street. He then saw the suspect, with a shotgun, at the northeast end of the driveway, in front of a car. He described the suspect as a male Hispanic, with no shirt, waving a shotgun around, trying to rack a round into the chamber. He was pointing the gun in the direction of both deputies. Deputy Guthrie told the suspect to drop the gun four or five times. He heard Deputy Naranjo say something to the suspect in Spanish, but since he does not speak Spanish he could not understand what was said. The suspect said, "No." and walked toward the side of the house ([redacted] Marcelle), crouched down and did something to the shotgun which Deputy Guthrie could not see. The suspect started to raise the shotgun and Deputy Guthrie heard Deputy Carrion say, "You've got to drop him Andy." Deputy Guthrie had not been aware of Deputy Carrion's arrival. Deputy Guthrie fired three shots from his shotgun at the suspect. The suspect ducked down and then raised up again, pointing the gun in the direction of the deputies once more. Deputy Guthrie fired one more round from his shotgun.

Other deputies, who had arrived, approached the suspect from the east and handcuffed him. Deputy Guthrie stated that he took action because he felt that he and fellow deputies were in danger, as were the people in the house. He stated that he knew that he could not let the suspect get into the house. Deputy Guthrie had nothing further to add at this time and the interview was terminated at 1717 hours.

At 1731 hours, Investigators interviewed **CARRION, JOE MH/[redacted]**, who is assigned to Lakewood Station as a uniformed patrol deputy. On the morning of 10-03-91, he was assigned to unit 133T2 (Days), [redacted] to [redacted] hours, a one man traffic unit, in the City of Bellflower. He stated that he heard a "245 call" on the [redacted] block of Motz Street, indicating that a man had been injured. Because he was assigned to the City of Bellflower, he waited to see the response of other units. A short time later, he heard a broad cast, by a unit on Motz Street, indicating that there was a suspect armed with a shotgun, and additional units were needed to assist in containing the area. Units were requested to respond to both the [redacted] block of Motz Street and the [redacted] block of Marcelle Avenue. He responded to Marcelle Avenue, and upon his arrival he saw Deputy Guthrie positioned behind an ambulance parked on the north side of the street. Deputy Guthrie was armed with a shotgun and was pointing it to the north. Deputy Carrion looked toward the driveway and saw the suspect, armed with a shotgun, standing near the rear door of the house at [redacted] Marcelle Avenue. He described the suspect as a male, Hispanic, in his mid twenties, medium build, with no shirt, and possibly wearing Levis.

The suspect was in a crouched position when Deputy Carrion first saw him. The suspect raised up and pointed the gun at Deputy Guthrie, who moved to his right to gain better cover. Deputy



Guthrie told the suspect to drop the shotgun, but the suspect just resumed his crouched position. Deputy Carrion also told the suspect to drop the gun. Deputy Carrion was positioned southeast of the suspect and about 50 feet away. The suspect continued to move the shotgun from side to side, aiming it at both deputies. The suspect crouched down and yelled something at Deputy Carrion, and then stood up again. When he stood up, Deputy carrion fearing that his life and the lives of those in the immediate area were in danger, fired several rounds at the suspect, with his service weapon. Deputy Guthrie fired at the suspect at the same time. The suspect was aiming the gun at him, but Deputy carrion could not be sure that he fired the shotgun.

Deputy carrion stated that he fired 5 or 6 rounds the first time, paused, then fired 5 or 6 more. It should be noted that a check of Deputy Carrion's .9mm Beretta handgun, revealed that 13 shots had been fired. The suspect finally dropped to the ground and did not get back up. People started to come out of the house where the suspect was lying, in the yard. Several deputies approached the suspect and removed the weapon. They then asked paramedics to assist the suspect.

After the incident was over, Deputy carrion was transported to Lakewood Station to wait for Investigators. Deputy Carrion had nothing further to add and the interview was terminated at 1742 hours.

On 10-05-91, at 0930 hours, Investigators interviewed Victim [redacted] at a relative's house in [redacted]. It should be noted that he had just been released from the hospital and was taking medication for his pain. The interview was kept short to minimize his discomfort at this time.

he stated that around 8:00 a.m., on 10-03-91, he was seated in his recliner, in the livingroom of his residence. His two [redacted], [redacted] (6 years old), and [redacted] (9 years old), were in the house with him. A man, who he described, as a male, Hispanic, with no shirt and brown slack, entered the livingroom and asked for [redacted]. He told him that there was no [redacted] there, and to get out of the house. The man would not leave, and asked for [redacted] and then [redacted]. Victim [redacted] told him again to get out, but he would not leave and started for the rear bedroom. When Victim [redacted] tried to stop the suspect, he started fighting with Victim [redacted]. After several minutes they became exhausted and stopped. The suspect sat in the recliner in the livingroom. Victim [redacted] tried to call "911" but dialed "411" instead. The suspect saw a switchblade knife on a briefcase by the recliner and tried to open the blade with his teeth.

Victim [redacted] ran outside in an effort to get the suspect out of the house and away from his children. he fell as he ran out the



front door, and was caught by the suspect, who had opened the knife. The suspect began stabbing him, and he tried to defend himself with his right arm as he was lying on his back. It was determined later that Victim [redacted] sustained three stab wounds to his right arm one to his left arm and two to his left eye. The suspect then walked back toward the street, and Victim [redacted] ran back to his bedroom and retrieved his shotgun. he was looking for the shells when the suspect came into the bedroom. He swung the shotgun at the suspect, who took the gun from him and pointed it at Victim [redacted] and pulled the trigger. The gun was not loaded, however, and victim [redacted] ran past the suspect, out of the house and to his [redacted], where he was let in by Witness [redacted]. Victim [redacted] saw that his daughters where already there. he sent them out the back bedroom window, and then followed them a short time later. He saw the girls hiding by the shed in the rear yard and told them to go over the fence. He then climbed the fence and went to the rear door of the house directly behind them ([redacted]). The woman in the house would not let him in, so he climbed over some material blocking the passage along the west side of the garage and went to the house at the front of the property, [redacted], where he was let in by the residents. He remembered hearing glass breaking as he walked down the driveway to the side door of the house. By this time he was just about unconscious, and although he heard the sounds of the shooting which occurred outside, he could not remember the events very clearly.

Victim [redacted] had nothing further to add at this time, and the interview was terminated. Victim [redacted] stated that he was scheduled for additional surgery, in two or three days, as a result of the injuries he sustained.

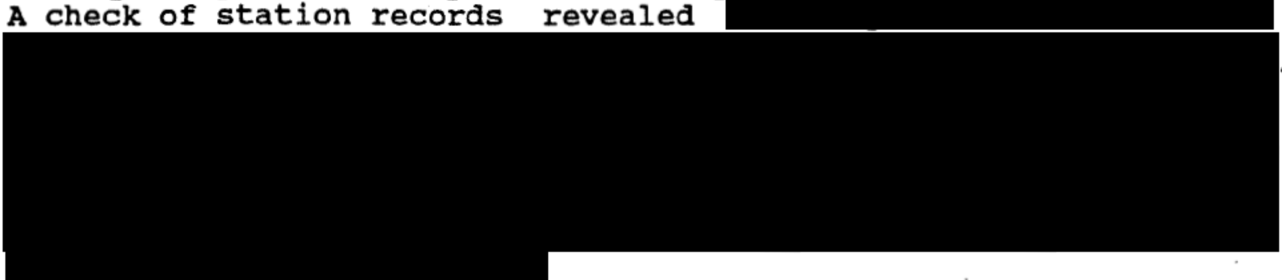
On 10-05-91, at 1100 hours, and autopsy was performed on the remains of Suspect Solarzano, by Dr. Ribe, of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. He determine the cause of death to be multiple gunshot wounds to the head.

On 10-15-91, at 0905 hours, Investigator Raffa interviewed [redacted] FH/32, DOB: [redacted], the [redacted] of Suspect Solarzano. She stated that she had known her [redacted] for about 11 years. They were married on [redacted], and have [redacted]. She did not know why her [redacted] had gone to the location, but thought that it might have something to do with his motorcycle which had been stolen from a friend's house. He had called her around 2:00 a.m., on the morning of 10-03-91, and told her he was at a friend's house. She spoke to the friend, who she could not identify, at a later date, and was told about the motorcycle.

he stated that she and Suspect Solarzano had been [redacted] for several months and that she had reported an incident, which



occurred on 08-31-91, in which he had slapped her. He was subsequently arrested by Sheriff's deputies from Lakewood Station. A check of station records revealed [redacted]



Investigation to continue, additional reports to follow.

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